

July 15, 1983 - p 1

at about 10 AM I arrived at the police station and took down the report. The Chief was friendly but distant. He must have something on his mind. The fire report was easily done. Chief Dunell suggested an article on "summer fire safety tips" - all time in the wake of the burning death of Mrs. Ethel Ward and her evacuation to Geisinger Hospital by helicopter. I typed the report by noon and met JVB at the M&M bank. He is clearly the most interesting person I know at the moment -- for that matter he is probably one of the most interesting people I have ever known. At noon JVB went down to Dominick's and bought lunch for the two of us -- an Italian hero, four cans of soda and an entire tray of pizza. I met him on the street in front of City Hall and we went inside of the M&M Bank and ate. Dave Adams was out of town today and it was truly "cat's away" day for the work crew at the M&M. John and I ate pizza and I recounted in more detail the Grosvenor/Tomaine "battle" at the counter of McDunnell's yesterday. We both agreed that Tomaine and Grosvenor are very much alike and that is why they hate each other so much. John explained terrazzo floor to me and identified the different kinds of marble in the floor that they are making. John then brought up the idea of his taking the afternoon off. He talked with Mrs. Adams and the decision was made. I had an appointment with Mason and John K. at 1 PM -- we (JVB and I) agreed to meet at the C&H's. I carried the remaining three pieces of pizza down to the Goodwill store and gave them to JVB's mother and then went to C&H's -- ran into Howard Jepson along Route 6. We stopped and talked. He has been very busy tuning pianos at the summer camps in the area. We had a very friendly 5 minute visit along Route 6. Given the extreme amount of activity in my day yesterday, I was unable to get any "script" ready for Mason and John K.